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The Honorable Warren E. Burger
The Chief Justice
of the United States
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

We have reviewed your draft security procedures applicable to the courts created by Section 103 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, find them acceptable, and urge that you issue them. I am sure you share my strong wish and confidence that these procedures will enable the court to maintain the security of the extremely sensitive information with which it will deal. I am grateful for the opportunity to participate in the development of these procedures and particularly wish to commend Mr. Mayer of your staff and the staff of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts for their appreciation of security concerns.

I do have reservations, however, about the proposed public release of certain intelligence directives incorporated by reference in the procedures. Although these directives are unclassified, they are not widely distributed and I would prefer that they not become the focus of attention which gratuitous distribution could stimulate. If public interest in these documents results in requests for copies, I would appreciate referral to my staff for direct response.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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cc: Attorney General

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